



# COLORED DELEGATE'S GLOWING TRIBUTE.

## Pres. Roosevelt, the Subject of His Theme--A Great Effort.

### MARYLAND IN LINE--A RINGING ADDRESS AT THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION--RAPTUREOUSLY APPLAUDED.

Chicago, June 23.—Harry S. Cummings, of Baltimore, seconded the nomination of President Roosevelt in behalf of the Negroes of the country. He said:

For the distinguished honor of seconding the nomination of that grand type of the American citizen, Theodore Roosevelt, I am profoundly grateful.

Fortunate, indeed, is it for this government that it has had during the eight years just passed, a political organization such as ours to meet face to face with undaunted courage and determination the many perplexing questions which have arisen during that period.

Equally fortunate has been our party to have had within its ranks during this crucial period such men as our able, wise and patriotic McKinley, of beloved memory, and our capable, courageous, and aggressive Roosevelt, relieved them from the burdens and oppression of despotic rule, established civil government among them, and are teaching them the blessings of liberty and independence.

The Panama Canal, "the key to the universe," the construction of which has for centuries been the dream and fancy of more than one government, has under the prompt and decisive action of this administration been taken from the realm of cloudland and dreamland, and its completion in the near future has become a certain and fixed fact.

The wise leadership of our party has kept so well-adjusted our tariff and currency legislation, that prosperity abounds in the land, labor is plentiful, the laborer is well paid and contented, capital multiplies and seeks additional outlets for new investments and enterprises.

In a word, we have given a full and complete report of the stewardship committed to our care during the past four years. It becomes the duty of this convention to name a general who we hope and believe will lead the great Republic to host to victory in the coming election, a man who will in every way measure up to the responsibility of the high office of President of this country. Such an one in the person of our Chief Executive has been ably and eloquently placed before you, and heartily do we all endorse what has been said.

THREE YEARS OF ABLE SERVICE.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Theodore Roosevelt brings to his party and the nation at the close of his administration the precious fruits of three years' able and faithful service.

The solemn promise made by him when gloom and distress overshadowed the nation, when stout hearts grew faint, when fears and misgivings were abroad in the land, when the nation bowed in tears for her fallen hero, that promise made at a most trying time in the country's life, has been kept to the letter, and he brings us an evidence of such the plans and purposes of his untired predecessor fully developed and completed.

He is, above all things, a true, honest, earnest, patriotic American citizen.

He is a leader of unflinching courage—a man of vision, free from intrigue or concealment. In his life and walk and conduct he stands unapproached and unapproachable. He is a broad man, broad in intellect, broad in sympathies, broad in soul, he lends a listening ear to the cry of the down-trodden and oppressed, and with strong and ready arm encircling the weak and helpless, he bids them rise and hope and live.

He is a just man, and believes that a man should be judged by merit and merit alone, and that the just rewards of faithful and patriotic service should be withheld from no one, for any cause.

A vision unclouded by bias or prejudice, he sees through the outer darkness in different hues, the man and there beholds the image of fatherhood and the brotherhood of man.

Bitter, severe, unreasoning, he served to make him the life of his country's welfare, that corruption and dissipation and in public of his life, exposed, and that who were guilty par-

#### THE STREET-CAR COMPANY'S TROUBLES.

##### Cannot Meet Its Obligations--So Charges Mr. Fisher--Wants a Receiver Appointed--Colored Folks Yet Walking.

The street-car situation here is unchanged. A few colored people have been changed and may be seen at times on the street-cars, but the mass of them are still walking. It is a common thing to see wagons on their way down town carrying from three to six laboring men free of charge. This is called "giving them a lift."

That the continued action of the colored people will ultimately cause a change in existing conditions is now a foregone conclusion. Nothing has been done to emphasize this fact more than the suit of Mr. George E. Fisher and others entered in the Hustings Court of Petersburg, Va., June 5th, 1904 on behalf of themselves and all other persons that are stockholders, bondholders, and creditors of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, praying for the appointment of a receiver for the company.

The court entered a decree, ordering the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to appear before that tribunal Wednesday, July 6th, 1904 to show cause why the receiver should not be appointed. It seems then the street-car company is far behind in its finances and that its profits are not all that they should be. If a receiver is appointed, the present management will be ousted, and some other person directed to take charge.

But whether the present suit succeeds or fails, it is bound to add to the embarrassment of the company and may be the forerunner of a transfer of ownership.

The strike last year costing the company over two hundred thousand dollars and the walking colored folks this year, adding to the company's financial losses would make almost any stockholder feel uncomfortable and force downward the value of their holdings in the stock market.

A new street car company is about to begin work here and it is expected that their cars will be in operation by Dec. 1st, 1904.

#### DR. GRAHAM'S RESIGNATION.

##### Not Accepted Yet--Will Come Up at Next Church Meeting.

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham as pastor of the First Street Baptist has been the subject of much comment, and the congregation is much wrought up over the affair. It was received by the church, but has not yet been accepted.

There is a strong movement on foot to have him reconsider his decision to leave the church and there will be a demand for a heart to heart talk between church and pastor. Dr. Graham states that the reasons given in the PLANET of last week are correct.

There was absolutely no disagreement between himself and his flock. His salary is not even in arrears to him for salary. It is out of debt, although it owed about \$8000 when he took charge of the work here.

The State Grand Lecturer of Masons.

Col. Benj. R. Boulding, the R. W. Grand Lecturer of Masons for the State of Virginia was in Hampton on June 15th and delivered his famous lecture on the "Second Degree" to a large and appreciative audience, composed of the members of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 13, Hampton Royal, No. 81 and to several visitors from Norfolk and Newport News, Va.

He also installed the officers and entertained the brethren for about three hours.

These lectures are based upon the Tilly Chart and Smith's Diagram and are attractive and will hold your attention throughout the evening. All were well pleased.

Yours, AJAX.

#### High Honor for Richmond's Son.

The people of this city and state are much elated to hear of the appointment of Mr. Roger J. Kyles as stenographer and typewriter in the engineering department at Norfolk, Va. He is the first colored man who ever received such an appointment. He is receiving the congratulations of both white and colored.

It will be remembered that Mr. Kyles was dismissed from a similar position in the True Reformers by the Rev. Taylor for taking the examination.

#### Collector W. D. Crum Here.

Dr. W. D. Crum, Collector of the Port at Charleston, S. C., was in the city last Saturday. He was enroute home from the National Republican convention at Chicago. He expressed his determination to hold on to his position to which he had been appointed by President Roosevelt, until he was either confirmed or rejected by the United States Senate.

He gave a graphic description of his experience in Charleston, and told with much feeling about the annoyances to which he had been subjected since he held the office. He is tall, robust and commanding in appearance, showing no fear whatever, but giving every evidence of possessing an indomitable will power, which is the peculiar characteristic of the upper class of South Carolinians.

He was here only about two hours and he left Saturday, June 25th at 7:15 P. M.

#### UNITED AID INSURANCE COMPANY.

##### A Few Minutes Talk to Investors.

We are planning to enlarge our business. We want a large office building. We want an Endowment Department where we can loan money to our policy-holders and stockholders. We want to place our business in every city and town in the United States and we are going to do that just as soon as the funds of the corporation will permit.

We are going to deposit \$10,000.00 in the treasury of the State of Virginia. In order to do this, the corporation is capitalized for \$25,000.00, (2,500 shares at \$10.00 each). Of this amount, about \$10,000.00 has already been subscribed for at the par value of \$10 making the present subscribed capital \$5,000.00. The remainder, consisting of 2,000 shares, is now offered to the public at \$10.00 a share.

The terms are cash or 20 per cent with application. Stock applied for by telegraph or special letters will be held five days to await payment. The corporation has paid dividends of 10 per cent. It has declared within the last few days a dividend of the same percentage. The corporation has no bond debts, and its stock when fully paid is non-assessable. All shares become dividend bearing from the date of final payment. Dividends are payable in July and January.

J. E. BYRD, President, 506 East Broad St., Richmond, Va.

#### The Second Baptist Church Sunday School.

Will run its annual excursion and picnic to Buckroe Beach Tuesday, July 26th, 1904. Fare, adults, \$1.00, Children and twelve years, .50 cents.

Train leaves C. & O. Depot, 17th, and Broad Sts., 8:30 A. M. sharp. Returning, leaves Buckroe Beach 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Z. D. Lewis, D. D., Pastor. Dr. M. B. Jones, Supt. Rev. Sydney Stanton, Choir.

#### BROADY--Irene B. Broady daughter of Mrs. Ophelia Cooper, died June 18th 1904 in the home of her mother Mrs. Ophelia Cooper No. 8 E. Baker St.

The funeral took place from the Ebenezer Baptist Church Monday, June 20th at 4 P. M. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Stokes.

Full bearers were as follows: Honorary, the Misses Annie Spriggs, Enola Hixley, Amy Coles, and Carrie Augustus. Active, P. H. Moor, Benjamin W. Taylor, Leroy Frazier, Bristol Bolling, Richard Calloway, and Powell Williams.

Precious darling she has left me Left me, yes, forever more, But I hope to meet my loved one, On that bright and happy shore.

Lonely the house and sad the hour Since my dear one has gone. But Oh! a brighter home than mine, In Heaven is now her own.

Her mother, Ophelia Cooper. W. I. Johnson officiated.

#### Opportunities for All.

No section of the United States provides the wonderful opportunities for success to the capitalist, professional man, farmer, miner, laborer, or trades that exists in the Great Southwest. Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona await men with money, brain and muscle.

Science has declared the climatic conditions of this section the grandest in the world.

Special round trip tickets to permit you to investigate and full information furnished upon application to

W. T. SAUNDERS, D. P. A., FRISCO SYSTEM, 1108 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.

#### Royal Lodge No. 26, Knights of Pythias Elects Officers.

At a regular meeting of the above named lodge June 22, the following officers were elected, and will be installed 27 Inst.

C. C. Chas. McClain; V. O. John Ballard; Prelate, Thomas Mann; M. of E., Jas H. Terrell; M. of F., A. L. Woodfork; K. of R. and S., D. J. Bradford; M. at Arms, U. S. Briggs; Trustees; Dr. M. B. Jones, Rev. J. J. Carter, John Beale.

#### Cashier Burke Resigns.

Mr. Emmett C. Burke has resigned his position as Cashier of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, to take effect July 1st 1904. He has decided to enter the railway service. He was very efficient and his change of position will be regretted by his many friends here. His successor has not been announced.

Col. Walker H. Johnson died suddenly at Shafter's Building last Thursday morning.

Mrs. Chas. W. West of Danville, Va., called on us.

#### EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS.

##### Three Killed and Six Injured in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, June 28.—Three persons lost their lives and a half dozen others were injured as the result of the explosion of a small bundle of fireworks in the store room of the Diamond Fireworks company, at 226 Arch street.

The dead are: Jacob Jancovitch, 23 years old; O. Berman, 27 years old, and Lena Sempson, 21 years old.

The fireworks concern occupied the first floor of the building. The second floor was vacant, and the third story was occupied by the French Hat and Bonnet Frame company. Jancovitch was the proprietor of the hat and bonnet concern, and Berman and Miss Sempson were his employees. These three were the only persons who were above the first floor. About a dozen persons were employed by the fireworks company.

The cause of the fireworks exploding is not known. Thomas Conway, one of the firm of the fireworks company, was wrapping up a small bundle of fireworks for a customer, when it exploded. Almost instantly the entire roomful of fireworks became ignited from flying rockets and fire crackers. All the employees on the first floor escaped without serious injury. The front on the first floor was blown out by the explosion of powder, and soon the entire building was in flames. Every effort was made to rescue those on the third floor. Firemen climbed ladders in the midst of the pyrotechnics, and finally reached those on the third floor. Miss Sempson and Jancovitch were found alive, but died in a hospital. Berman was dead when he was taken from the building.

# RESPONSIBLE FOR SLOCUM DISASTER

Directors of Company and Others Held by Coroner's Jury.

## CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

New York, June 29.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster has ended. After nearly four hours' deliberation a verdict was rendered, in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, the captain of the Slocum, Captain Peas, and others of the company's fleet, and commanders were held criminally responsible. Warrants for their arrest were issued. The mate of the Slocum, according to the jury, acted in a cowardly manner, and the misconduct of Steamboat Inspector Lundberg, it was recommended, should be brought to the attention of the federal authorities.

The charge in each case was manslaughter in the second degree. Bail was fixed by the coroner in amounts varying from \$1000 to \$5000.

The mate, Edward Flannagan, who was under detention as a witness, was the first arraigned. He pleaded not guilty, and his bail was fixed at \$1000. No bondsman being on hand, he was committed to jail.

Inspector Lundberg pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$1000 bonds.

Bail was fixed at \$5000 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Ackinson, and bonds were furnished at once.

Captain Van Schaick is a prisoner in the Lebanon hospital. At the assistant district attorney's request the coroner committed the assistant engineer, Edwin Brandow, and the deckhands, Conkley and Twombly, as witnesses, sending them to the house of detention.

After pointing out the duty of the different officers and persons named and their failure to perform their duty, the jury finds:

"That the president, Frank A. Barnaby; the secretary, James K. Ackinson; and the board of directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, were guilty of criminal negligence in the failure to see to the proper equipment of the General Slocum in the matter of the fire fighting and life saving appliances on board said boat.

"That the captain, William H. Van Schaick, be held criminally responsible for the accident.

"That the captain, John A. Pease, the acknowledged commodore of the fleet, be held criminally responsible for his failure to properly equip the General Slocum with fire fighting and life saving appliances.

"That Edward Flannagan, the mate, acted in a cowardly manner, and we recommend that he be held criminally responsible for failure to perform his duty on the General Slocum on the day of the disaster.

"That in the opinion of this jury the misconduct of Henry Lundberg, the government inspector, in failing to report to his superiors the true facts concerning the vessel's fire extinguishing and life saving equipment, should be brought to the notice of the United States prosecuting officials, and we further hold that said Henry Lundberg be held for criminal negligence by reason of his incompetence, carelessness and indifferent inspection of the General Slocum's hull and life saving appliances on the 5th day of May, 1904."

#### JUDGE GRAY FOR CLEVELAND

##### Delaware Jurist Declares He Is Not a Candidate For Presidency.

Wilmington, Del., June 28.—Judge George Gray expressed his hope that former President Grover Cleveland would be nominated for the presidency by the St. Louis convention. Next to Cleveland he favors Judge Parker for the nomination.

When asked if his own resolution not to be a candidate had been changed by the instruction of the Delaware delegation in his favor and by the recent endorsement of his candidacy by leaders in various states, Judge Gray said:

"I have repeatedly stated that I am not, and will not be, a candidate for the presidential nomination. I have also repeatedly said that I am in favor of Judge Parker if Mr. Cleveland is out of the question. Mr. Cleveland has been my first choice. If he does not receive the nomination, I hope it will go to Judge Parker."

Archbishop Guldi Dead.

Manila, June 27.—Monsignor Guldi, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, died yesterday of heart failure. The funeral will take place here next Friday and the remains will be interred two months later at Rome.

#### HANGED IN PUBLIC SQUARE.

##### Little Girl Places the Noose About His Neck--A Horrible Lynching in Mississippi.

Europa, Miss., June 26.—Starling Dunham, colored, wanted on the charge of criminally assaulting the sixteen-year-old daughter of John Wilson, a white man, near Bellefontaine, two weeks ago and attempting to criminally assault three young women named Dunn, near this city, was hanged in the public square here to day by a mob. The noose was placed about the colored man's neck by the little Wilson girl, who positively identified him as her assailant. The man was then placed upon the back of a large black horse, and at a signal from the leader of the mob the little Wilson girl led the horse from under him.

#### THREE THOUSAND THERE.

Over 3,000 persons, white and black, witnessed the hanging. The lynching was as orderly as a legal execution. After being assured that the man was dead, the mob cut down the body and turned it over to relatives for burial.

Dunham was captured Friday near Vienna, Ala. after a running chase, during which he was wounded in two places. He was brought here last night by the sheriff of this, Wilson, county. A large mob met the train at the depot, and an effort was made to get the man, but the officers spirited him away and carried him to the jail at Waltham, six miles from here, where he was again met by a mob of determined men, who said their intention was to burn him.

#### OFFICERS GAVE HIM UP.

The officers in charge of the man succeeded in prevailing upon the mob to give up this intention but only after promising to deliver the colored man to the mob this morning for execution.

There was a strong sentiment for burning, but this was overcome and the lynching took the form of hanging. Dunham stoutly maintained his innocence to the last and denied that he had committed the crime.

He was hanged by the neck, and his body was left hanging until it was removed by the mob this morning.

#### ADVICE TO COLORED PEOPLE.

His last remarks were made to two hundred colored people who were assembled about the point of execution, Dunham telling them never to go about a white man's house when women were at home alone.

The three Dunn sisters, the eldest of whom is less than eighteen, witnessed the lynching from a distance.

Jackson, Miss., June 26.—Gov. Vardaman was notified of the capture of Starling Dunham and his return to Europa until this afternoon. He immediately wired the sheriff of Wilson County if troops were needed to protect the prisoner. The lynching, however, had occurred before the governor was apprised that Dunham had been brought back to Mississippi.

#### THE SUPREME COURT REFUSES THE WRIT.

##### Rev. Taylor's Son Must Go to the Penitentiary--The Governor Now the Only Hope.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has refused to grant even a writ-of-error in the case of Mr. Wm. L. Taylor, Jr., convicted of felonious assault and under sentence to serve one year in the Virginia Penitentiary. The case will not even be heard on its merits by that supreme tribunal.

There is but one recourse, and that is to the Governor. He can pardon him or commute his sentence to jail punishment. Young Taylor is the son of Rev. W. L. Taylor, D. D., Grand Worthy Master of the Grand Fountain, U. O. of True Reformers. He was in charge of the True Reformer Store at Roanoke and was enroute to this city to be married when he had an altercation with a woman, and was shot.

He was arrested, and the marriage took place. He was subsequently defended by Hon. H. D. Flood, M. C., and W. O. Franklin, Esq. The term of one year does not begin until Mr. Taylor has entered the state's prison.

Do You Know Him?

I desire to know the whereabouts of my brother, William Sterke. When last heard of he was living in Richmond, Va. Any information concerning him will be gladly received by his sister,

Miss ROBERTA STERKE, care Hedden, Middleville, Sussex Co., N. J.

#### Personals and Briefs.

The B. Y. P. U. will have special exercises at the Fifth St. Baptist Church, Tuesday, 8:30 P. M. Seats free. The public is invited. J. Henry Crutchfield, Esq., president; Mr. J. H. Childs, secretary.

—Mr. J. E. McGirt, publisher and proprietor of McGirt's Magazine of Philadelphia, Pa., called on us.

—Rev. W. J. Carter of Charlottesville, Va., called on us last week.

—We learned with regret of the death of Mr. F. J. Brown of New York, who has been the agent for the PLANET there for many years. His family has our sympathy.

—Mr. R. L. Motley of Martinsville, Va., called on us. He reports every thing as flourishing.

—North Star Court of Calanthe had its first regular monthly meeting at Lily of the Valley Hall on the 6th inst. The court started out on its life work under most auspicious circumstances. There was a full attendance and North Star Lodge presented the court the sum of five dollars with which to christen its treasury. The officers were assisted in their first attempt at opening the court by Special Deputy, Sister S. A. Steward, who was also its organizer.

No Use to Worry.

[Frederick, Md., Hornet.]

Able John Mitchell of the Richmond PLANET is turning the full light on Thos. N. Page's pretended friendship for the colored race, but then, what's the use to worry, John, a knot in a pine board will show out even if it is white-washed.